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THREE JUDGES RECEIVE HONORS

In recent weeks, three judges of the Ventura Superior Court have received honors from a variety of professional or community organizations.

Judge Brian J. Back was named Judge of the Year by the Ventura County Trial Lawyers Association at their annual Judge's Night dinner on March 23rd. The award was presented by last year's recipient, Judge Henry Walsh, at the Residence Inn at River Ridge in Oxnard.

The Judge of the Year award recognizes exceptional wisdom, wit, patience, understanding and compassion towards litigants and attorneys in the courtroom. Honorees are chosen by a committee made up of representatives from several attorney organizations, as well as the county counsel's office, district attorney's office and public defender.

Judge Tari L. Cody was selected as one of the recipients of the Oxnard Knights of Columbus 2004 Public Safety Award. The award recognizes men and women in law enforcement, fire protection and the judiciary who provide protection for their communities. The presentation was made at a special awards dinner held on April 12th at the Knights of Columbus Hall in Oxnard.

Judge John E. Dobroth was presented with the Wilmont Sweeney Award by the Juvenile Court Judges of California. The award was presented April 22nd at the

Juvenile Court Institute. The annual award honors a judicial officer who is dedicated to juvenile law issues and has made a difference in the juvenile area.

Judge Back was appointed to the bench in 1997. He is currently assigned to Courtroom 37, hearing juvenile delinquency matters.

Judge Cody was appointed to the bench in 2000. She is currently assigned to Courtroom 23, hearing criminal trials.

Judge Dobroth was elected to the bench in 1986. He is currently assigned to Courtroom 36, hearing juvenile delinquency matters.

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